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Letter No: 60348 C2/34-1 dt 8-5-54

To
Sri M. R. H. Punja,
Mulki
South Kanara.

Sir,

Sub: Livestock - Cattle wealth in the West Coast of South India - Suggested improvement

Ref: Your letter No Nil dt 3[illegible]

Pp 1-4 cf.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter cited above addressed to the Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry. The matter is being examined in this Ministry.

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Note. A draft letter w.r.t. the minutes of M(A) at p1 of is submitted for approval. A draft kind of the letter at pp 1-4 below is also submitted for approval.

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L.Dis.No.1659.IV.3/54

Animal Husbandry Department
Triplicane Post, Madras.5
dated 4.6.1954

From

Sri V.R. Rajagopalan, GMVC.1 Dip., Bact.(Manchester),
Director of Animal Husbandry, Madras.

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVT
10 JUN 1954
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To

The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Agriculture Department, Madras.

Sir,

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Sub: Livestock - Cattle wealth in the West Coast of South India - suggestions for improvement by Sri M.R.H. Punja, Mulki, South Kanara district.

Ref: Government Endorsement No.60353.C1/54.2 dated 8.5.1954 on the letters dated 24.3.1954 and 30.4.1954 of Sri M.R. H. Punja.

The problems referred to in the letters of Sri M.R.H. Punja are nothing new but the general Animal Husbandry problems which this Department is already tackling according to the areas and circumstances.

2. The local breed of Cattle in the area is only a non-descript variety and very poor in growth etc. In order to improve them, they are being up-graded by placing at stud approved breeding bulls wherever feasible. The people in the area are not cattle-minded. In view of the fact that the people are not forthcoming to maintain breeding bulls due to high cost of feeding, it is found very difficult to get suitable custodians for the bulls to be maintained in those areas. In order to introduce more number of breeding bulls for improvement of Livestock in the area it was recommended to Government in another connection for distribution of 10 breeding bulls in the Malnad area viz., Five to the Panchayat Boards and five to the private individuals, with a Government subsidy of Rs.200/- in the case of Panchayat Boards and Rs.300/- in the case of private individuals for their maintenance. Subsequently, then the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards was consulted to offer his views, he reported that four out of five Panchayat Boards which agreed to maintain bulls in the first instance, have subsequently expressed their unwillingness to maintain bulls on account of financial stringency. Such being the case, it is impossible to compel the Panchaya Boards to maintain breeding bulls, unless and until certain provisions are made in the Local Boards Act that a portion of the Revenue should be set apart for the purchase and maintenance of breeding bulls by the local bodies. If this is done, t local condition will certainly be improved.

Buffalo bulls are not available in any of the livestock farms in the State for distribution. Hence Government have been addressed separately for according sanction for purchase of 30 Murah Buffalo bulls for distribution to selected custodians in the National Extension Service areas throughout the State, under Male Stock Distribution Scheme and on receipt of orders, one or two bulls will be distributed in the National Extension Service area of the district.

3. Better feeding of animals is of course, very important for improvement of livestock. Propaganda is being done among the ryots by the staff of this Department to grow fodder crops in their fields and grasses like guinea and napi varieties in their gardens. Silage making is being demonstrated to preserve the surplus grass available during the monsoon months, for utilisation during lean months. The ryots are also advised to feed their animals with concentrates and mineral supplement. Besides, the department is already taking steps to encourage fodder cultivation by ryots in the State, on the lines suggested by Sri Punja.

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4. Salvage depots may not be quite successful in the district under the existing state of affairs. The maintenance charge of a cow in the depot will be more than the cost of a cow itself. It will therefore be very difficult to find out persons who are willing to pay for the upkeep of their animals. The question may therefore be taken up during better times.

Yours faithfully,

J.G.

for Director of Animal Husbandry,
M A D R A S.

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTM

LETTER NO.60348-54 dated 16-8-5

To
Sri M.R.H.Punja,
Mulki,
S.Kanara District.

Sir,

Sub:- Livestock - Cattle weal
the West Coast of South
Suggestions for Improve

Ref:- Your letter d/30.4.54,a
sed to the Minister for
Agriculture:

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I am directed to inform you as follow
in regard to the suggestions made by yc
in your letter dated 30.4.54 for the
improvement of Cattle in the West Coast

1. Improvement of the breed and stationing Murrah Bulls in Villages.

The local breed of the cattle in the West Coast is mainly a nondescrip variety and is generally very poor in their growth. In order to upgrade this breed, stud bulls of the approved breed are stationed wherever possible, but as the people are not readily coming forwar to maintain these bulls it is found very difficult to get suitable custodians such as they could be left. The Govt. have also proposed to issue instructions to the District Boards, Municipal Council and Panchayats advising them to maintain as far as their finances permit, breedin bulls of the well defined types such as Kangayam, Gir, Sindhis, Murrahs. Murrah bulls however are not at present availab for distribution among the villages, and when more bulls are purchased by the Govt. the position may improve.

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2.Opening of Salvage Depots.

The D.A.H.has reported that Depots will not be successful maimtenance of cows in these pots will exceed the cost of the cows mselves.

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Agri. C.I.Dept.

Sub:- Livestock - Cattle wealth in the West Coast of S.India - Suggestions for improvement by Sri M.R.H. Punja Mulki S.Kanara Dt.

Ref:- From Sri M.R.H.Punja letter dated 30-4-5
From the D.A.H. letter D.Dis.No.1659/54 d/4-6-54.

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Sri Punja who was one of the representatives from the Madras State to the Sixth All India Cattle Breeders Conference held at Bahadurgarh on 27th and 28th March 1954, has made the following suggestions to improve the cattle wealth in the West Coast:—

(1) that the breed of the cattle should be improved, as the milk supply position is very difficult;

(2) that murrah buffalo bulls should be stationed in each village and every panchayat should be compelled to stati a murrahbull;

(3) that salvage depots should be opened in as many centres as possible.

The D.A.H. has been consulted on these suggestion

2. Items (1) and (2) above: The D.A.H. has stated that the problems referred to in the letter of Sri M.R.H. Punja are nothing new but are generally administered by the Animal Husbandry Dept. He has also stated that the local breed of cattle in the area is only a non-descript variety and very poor in growth. In order to improve them, they are being up-graded by placing at stud approved breeding bulls wherever feasible. The people in the area are not cattle-minded. In view of the fact that the people are not forthcoming to maintain breeding bulls due to high cost of feeding it is found very difficult to get suitable custodia for the bulls to be maintained in those areas. In order to introduce some ~~number of~~ breeding bulls for improvement of livestock in the area, ~~it was~~ the A.H.

recommended to Govt. in another connection, ~~the~~ distribution of 10 breeding bulls in the Malnad area, ~~five to be maintained by the~~ Panchayat Boards and ~~another five by~~ ~~to the~~ private individuals. ~~The main file relating to this proposal has been sent to Govt for acceptance.~~ ~~4 out of the five panchayat boards agreed to purchase the breeding bulls.~~ In the circumstances the D.A.H. has stated that it ~~is~~ impossible to compel all the Panchayat Boards to maintain breeding bulls.

He has also stated that buffalo bulls are not available for distribution and that he has addressed Govt. for sanction of 30 murrah buffaloe bulls for distribution to selected custodians. in the National Extension Service.

3. Item (3) above: The D.A.H. has reported that salvage depots will not be successful as the maintenance of cows in the depot will ~~be more than~~ exceed the cost of the cow itself.

In the circumstances reported by the D.A.H. no further action seems necessary on this.

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'A' above.

It has been proposed to issue an order to Dt. Bds., Mt. Bds. and panchayats (class I) addressing them to maintain as far as their finances permit breeding bulls of the well defined types such as Kangayam, Gir, Sindhis and

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Murrahs. The file concerned is being ~~sent to~~ circulated to M(LA.), M(F & E) and M(A).

In the circumstances no further action seems called for on this.

The file may be returned to Agre. u.o.

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To AS

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Agriculture (CI) Department.

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(1) that the breed of the cattle should be improved, as the milk supply position is very difficult;

(2) that murrah buffalo bulls should be stationed in each village and that every Panchayat should be compelled to station a murrah bull;

(3) that salvage depots should be opened in as many centres as possible.

The D.A.H. has been consulted on these suggestions.

2. Items (1) and (2) above: The D.A.H. has stated that the problems referred to in the letter of Sri M.H. Punja are nothing new but are those generally administered by the Animal Husbandry Dept. He has also stated that the local breed of cattle in the area is only a non-descript variety and very poor in growth. In order to improve them, they are being up-graded by placing at stud approved breeding bulls wherever feasible. The people in the area are not cattle-

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H.E.L.A. have stated that they propose to issue instructions to all the Dt. Boards, Municipal Councils and Panchayats advising them to maintain as far as their finances permit, breeding bulls of the well defined types such as Kangayam, Gir, Sindhis, ~~Hemaks~~ Murrahs. They have also stated that they have circulated the relevant file to M. (L.A), M (F&E) and M (A).

3. As regards the ~~station~~ stationing of murrah-buffalo bulls, the D.A.H. ~~also~~ has stated that buffalo bulls are not available for distribution and that he has addressed Government for sanction of 30 Murrah buffalo bulls for distribution to selected custodians. It is submitted that action is being taken separately in the matter.

4. Item 3 on p. 3 above. The D.A.H. has reported that the opening of Salvage depots will not be quite successful, as the maintenance of cows in the depot will exceed the cost of the cows themselves.

In the circumstances it is for orders whether the ~~pages~~ papers may be lodged. The file may be circulated to M (A) for perusal.

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A suitable reply may be sent to Sri Punja explaining the position as above.

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25/7/54

M(A) M. Bhaktavatsalam
26.7.54

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With reference to the orders in circulation at p4 above a draft letter is submitted below for approval.

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